

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 681 - HB 811

March 12, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits, in cases where removal of the child from the parent's custody is based primarily or solely on the parent's drug abuse, a child from being returned to the custody of a parent unless the parent has demonstrated a sustained commitment to responsible parenting by: not being subject to criminal charges or an investigation for at least 90 days; resolving any former and pending investigations by child protective services to the satisfaction of the court; and passing two consecutive monthly drug screens paid for by the parent. Pertains to private custody cases not involving the Department of Children's Services or a child-placing agency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The parent will cover the costs of the required drug testing and no additional state or local expenditures will occur.
- The proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for state and local courts. Any increased workload can be accommodated within existing state and local resources without increased appropriations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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